

Aiken County

Economic Impact of Forestry and Forest-Products Industries

Forestry and forest-products industries make an important contribution to the economy of Aiken county, South Carolina. The purchase of goods and services by this industry and its employees creates economic activity in other sectors of the economy (Khanal et al. 2018).

Highlights

- Total forest land 455,588 acres, 69% forested
- Forestry and forest-products industries generate 6.88% of the total economic output. Every million dollars of output in forestry sector creates \$156,149 output in other sectors.
- Forestry and forest-products industries provide 2.50% of the total jobs in the county. Every 10 direct-hire in forestry creates 9 additional jobs in the county.
- Forestry and forest-products industries provide 3.31% of the total labor income in the county.
- Forestry and forest-products industries provide 6.01% of the total value-added in the county.

Table 1: Direct economic impacts from forestry and forest-related sectors on employment and income in Aiken County, 2019.

Forestry sectors	# of Jobs	% of County	Labor Income (\$)	% of County
Direct impact from forestry and forest-products industries				
Forestry and logging	67	0.08%	\$2,172,874	0.05%
Solid wood products	39	0.05%	\$1,686,478	0.04%
Pulp and paper	886	1.12%	\$93,338,091	2.27%
Wood furniture	28	0.04%	\$575,357	0.01%
Subtotal	1020	1.29%	\$97,734,156	2.38%

It is estimated that forestry and the forest-products industry have a total economic impact of \$940 million in total industry output, \$413 million in value-added, \$138 million in wages and salaries, and 1981 jobs. Forestry and forest products industries generate 6.88% of the total economic activity in the county. In addition, forestry-related activities contributed an estimated \$53.64 million in tax revenue for federal, state, and local governments. This total includes tax revenue of \$39.75 million for federal and \$13.89 million for state and local governments.

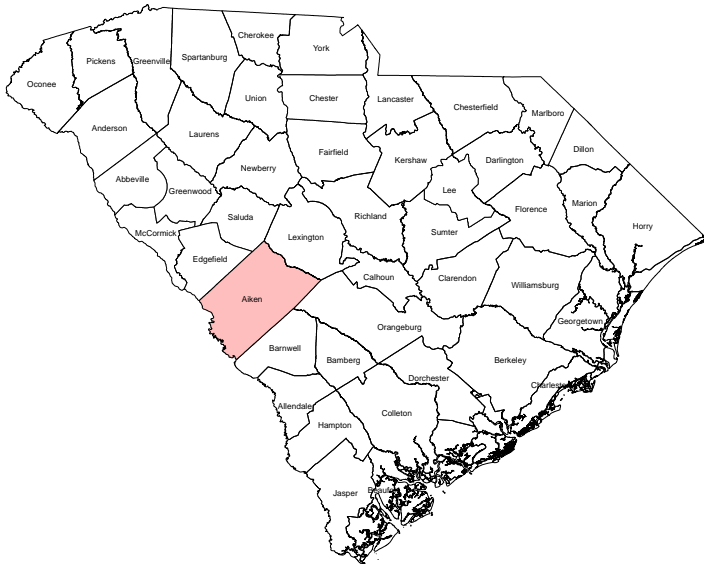
Table 2: Total economic impact from forestry and forest-related sectors on employment and income in Aiken County, 2019.

Total	Impact	% of County	Total Economic Impact
Total economic impact of forestry and forest-products industries			Total = Direct + indirect + induced economic impacts (IMPLAN 2017).
Jobs	1981	2.50%	
Labor income	\$138 million	3.31%	
Value-added	\$413 million	6.01%	
Total Output	\$940 million	6.88%	

Glossary:

- The direct impacts are the actual expenditures and employment of the forestry and forest-products industries (forestry and logging, solid wood products, pulp and paper, and wood furniture).
- The indirect impacts are the goods and services purchased by their supporting industries (supply-chain effects).
- The induced impacts are the purchases of goods and services by employee households associated with direct and indirect impacts (employee spending effect).

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